

# SENATE BILL No. 75

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 5-14-6.

**Synopsis:** Electronic reports to the legislature. Requires various state agencies that: (1) are required by law to produce an annual or other report for the entire general assembly or for the legislative council or legislative services agency (LSA); or (2) voluntarily produce a report for the entire general assembly or for the legislative council or LSA; to submit the report in electronic form instead of sending paper copies. Requires the submitting agency to cause the report to be electronically mailed to each legislator and posted on the Internet. Requires the LSA to periodically compile all the reports received from state agencies on a CD-ROM or other electronic medium for distribution to members of the general assembly upon request. Requires the LSA, under the direction of the code revision commission, to prepare legislation for the 2004 regular session to make conforming amendments to statutes that contain annual report requirements.

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2003.

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January 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development and Technology.



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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-14-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2003]:

4 **Chapter 6. Electronic Transmission of Reports to the General**  
5 **Assembly**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "public agency" includes the**  
7 **following:**

- 8 (1) **The judicial branch of state government.**  
9 (2) **A state agency (as defined in IC 4-13-1-1).**  
10 (3) **A body corporate and politic created by statute.**  
11 (4) **A state educational institution (as defined in**  
12 **IC 20-12-0.5-1).**

13 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "report" includes any annual or**  
14 **other report that a public agency:**

- 15 (1) **voluntarily; or**  
16 (2) **under a statutory directive;**  
17 **submits to the entire membership of the general assembly, the**



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legislative services agency, or the legislative council. The term does not include any document prepared for or at the request of an individual member or committee of the general assembly.

Sec. 3. (a) A public agency may not submit a report to the general assembly, the legislative services agency, or the legislative council on paper.

(b) Notwithstanding any law, no funds appropriated to a public agency from the state treasury may be used to duplicate, print, distribute, or mail a report to the general assembly, the legislative services agency, or the legislative council in violation of this chapter.

Sec. 4. (a) A public agency shall submit all reports in an electronic format specified by the executive director of the legislative services agency. Unless otherwise specified in statute, the electronic copy shall be delivered to the executive director of the legislative services agency.

(b) An agency that submits a report under subsection (a) shall do the following:

(1) Post, or cause to be posted, a copy of the report on the Internet.

(2) Send a copy of the report to each member of the general assembly, using the member's senate or house of representatives electronic mail address.

(c) The legislative services agency shall periodically compile reports received under this chapter on a CD-ROM or other suitable storage medium and shall distribute copies of the CD-ROM or other medium to any member of the general assembly who requests a copy.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The legislative services agency, under the direction of the code revision commission, shall prepare legislation for introduction during the 2004 regular session of the general assembly that brings statutes concerning annual or other reports by public agencies into conformity with this act.

(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2005.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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